

## GOLF

# TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE SEASON

NOW that the extended New Year celebrations are over and the drying-out process is afoot, thoughts turn to the golfing season ahead.

For those who hope to do more than just retain their present handicap, the time is high for giving a little thought if not a little physical effort to improving their game.

I am constantly amazed at fellow club golfers who hold down professional jobs which obviously require a little grey matter and yet who cannot seem to apply a fraction of intelligent thought to improving their game.

It cannot be at all pleasant to struggle round in the 120s as some have to do. There-

fore, it is surely worth making a bit of mental effort to solving one's golfing defects.

Take, for instance, the chap who is five feet nothing and is in a sedentary occupation. Because he is weak in the hands he doesn't have to be weak between the ears.

It would seem logical for him to go out and buy a set of cut-down ladies' clubs — but this would be precisely the wrong thing to do.

With normal-sized clubs the wee golfer will stand farther from the ball at address, he will therefore have a flat swing, but this doesn't mean it has to be a tiny swing. He can have a pretty big, flat arc which will propel the ball a reasonable way.

If he adds to this a modicum of hand-strengthening exercises of some description there is no reason why Mr Five Feet Nothing cannot compete with the big chaps — and give them a run for his 10p.

These are not original thoughts by any means — golf experts have been scribbling advice of this nature for donkeys years — but the point still remains that a fair number of intelligent men act like nincompoops when they get a golf club in their invariably weak hands.

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## BUSBY BOYS' CLUB IN WINNING FORM

AFTER a 3-1 defeat by Cathkin United at Fernhill on December 30, Busby Boys' Club returned to winning form last Saturday when they defeated Dalmarnock Crest 6-0 at Eaglesham.

For the first 20 minutes it was a ding dong struggle but after Gary McVicar scored the first goal, the Busby boys took command of the game. John Walker

scored a hat-trick, Gary McVicar got a second, and substitute John Lennox made it six. Andy Carroll almost made it seven when after a good run down the right wing, his shot just went narrowly passed the post.

Special mention must be made of the good goal-keeping by Howard Sammeroff, he was the star man last week when he

had many wonderful saves against Cathkin United, and again in this game, he was unbeatable.

Busby B.C. team — Howard Sammeroff, Ronnie Hopkins, William McGregor, Tom Bannister, Gordon Hicks (capt.), Paul Boland, Andy Carroll, John Walker, Gary McVicar, Sandy Currie, Norman Munro. Subs — John Lennox, Robert Hamilton. Referee — Mr A. Rankin.

## RENFRE

# Best seller Beetle

BY FRANK WALKER

DESPITE the rise of Renault and the sensational surge by Datsun, the best-selling car in 1972 was none other than Old Trusty, the Volkswagen Beetle.

Since the first one landed on these shores 20 years ago more than 300,000 have been sold — which looks good until you realise that 16 million Beetles have been hatched or

## COUNTY ATTRACTION

RENFREW County Countryside Committee have announced that approximately 50,000 people visited the Muirshiel Park this year.

The number of people who visited Castle Semple Loch, which is Scotland's only international regatta course, totalled 45,000.

The County Countryside Committee noted "with satisfaction" the number, and type of people who had visited Renfrewshire's regional park this year.